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very mild climate. Since it is known that the Foxhall man was capable of making ten or twelve different kinds of flint implements, of providing himself with clothing, and of building a fire, he sets a new and very remote date for the antiquity of man, because he is separated from the Recent period by the whole stretch of Quaternary time, or the Ice Age. Scientific men have estimated the duration of the Ice Age from 100,000 to 700,000 years, but Professor Osborn is inclined to adopt the intermediate estimate of 520,000 years made by the German geologist, Albrecht Penck. The Foxhall man is at present known only by the flint instruments that he has left behind. Unlike *Pithecanthropus erectus*, the Heidelberg man, the Piltdown man, and the Neanderthal and art-loving Cro-Magnon races, parts of his skeleton have not yet been revealed to modern eyes.

SCIENTIFIC ITEMS

WE record with regret the death of George Bruce Halsted, formerly professor of mathematics in the University of Texas; of J. T. Merz, author of *The History of European Thought in the Nineteenth Century*; of Ansel A. Tyler, professor of biology in James Millikin University; of Harris Graham, professor of pathology and practice of medicine in the American University of Beirut, Syria; of W. B. Bottomley, professor of botany in King's College, London; of Phillippe Auguste Guye, professor of physics at Geneva; and of Robert Wenger, director of the Geophysical Institute of the University of Leipzig.

At the meeting of the National Academy of Sciences, held in Washington on April 26, members were elected as follows: Edward W. Berry, professor of paleontology, the Johns Hopkins University; George K. Burgess, Bureau of Standards; Rufus Cole, director of the hospital of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Re-

search; Luther P. Eisenhart, professor of mathematics, Princeton University; Joseph Erlanger, professor of physiology, Washington University Medical School; Herbert Hoover, secretary of commerce; George A. Hulett, professor of physical chemistry, Princeton University; Charles A. Kofoed, professor of zoology, University of California; George P. Merrill, curator of geology, U. S. National Museum; C. E. Seashore, professor of psychology, State University of Iowa; Charles R. Stockard, professor of anatomy, Cornell Medical College; Ambrose Swasey, president of the Warner and Swasey Company; W. H. Wright, astronomer, the Lick Observatory, University of California. Dr. Albert Einstein, of the University of Berlin, was elected a foreign associate.

At the meeting of the American Philosophical Society, held in the city of Philadelphia, on April 23 and 24, the following officers were elected: *President*, William B. Scott; *vice-presidents*, Arthur A. Noyes, Hampton L. Carson, Henry Fairfield Osborn; *secretaries*, Arthur W. Goodspeed, Harry F. Keller, John A. Miller; *curators*, William P. Wilson, Henry H. Donaldson; *treasurer*, Eli Kirk Price; *councillors*, Lafayette B. Mendel, Herbert S. Jennings, William W. Campbell, Robert A. Millikan, Felix E. Schelling. Members were elected as follows: Charles Elmer Allen, Madison, Wis.; Rollins Adams Emerson, Ithaca; Worthington C. Ford, Cambridge, Mass.; Frederick E. Ives, Philadelphia; Irving Langmuir, Schenectady; Roland S. Morris, Philadelphia; George William Norris, Philadelphia; Charles Lee Reese, Wilmington; Harlow Shapley, Cambridge, Mass.; Henry Skinner, Philadelphia; James Perrin Smith, Palo Alto; Charles Cutler Torrey, New Haven; Robert DeCourcy Ward, Cambridge; Henry Stephens Washington, Washington; David Locke Webster, Stanford University.